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11. On May 21, Econoff spoke to Ms. Pimchanok Vonkhorporn, Director of Thailand's Ministry of Commerce's Department of Trade
Negotiations and delivered points in the aide memoire provided per reftel. Pimchanok said the Ministry of Commerce found the statement in the aide memoire acceptable. Regarding Doha negotiations on agricultural trade, Pimchanok said her department was satisfied with the latest text and was willing to negotiate on the basis of that text. On food export restrictions, Pimchanok noted that Thailand

had yet to impose any restrictions and had not seen them to be in their interests, but reserved the right to use restrictions if found to be necessary.

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